

Big Bend National Park

Daily Report – Tuesday, July 07, 2015



Weather Forecast :

Today Mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Winds will be from the east at 10-15 mph. Mountain highs will be in the lower 70s, river highs will be in the upper 90s.

Tonight Mostly cloudy with 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Winds from the northeast at 10-15 mph. Overnight lows 65-70.

Tomorrow Mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Winds will be east at 10-15 mph. Mountain highs will be in the mid 80s river highs in the lower 90s. Overnight lows 65-70.

Extended Thurs-Mon: Mostly cloudy to sunny with a 20% chance of thunderstorms Thursday and Friday.
Highs: mid 80s - upper 90s Lows: mid 60s - lower 70s

Sunset tonight: 8:56 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 7:00 a.m.

Fire Danger

In the Chisos Mountains: Low

Panther Junction/Foothills: Low

Temperatures and Precipitation

	Temperatures – Last 24 hours				Precipitation		
	Elevation	High	Low	8 AM	24 Hours	Month	Year
Panther Junction	3750'	91	68	68	0.80	1.24	11.13
Chisos Basin	5400'	87	64	64	0.27	0.54	12.27
Rio Grande Village	1850'	103	75	75	0.28	0.00	8.34
Castolon	2170'	103	73	74	0.19	0.20	5.64
Persimmon Gap	2970'	97	71	71	0.20	0.35	7.05
Lajitas	2340'	103	73	74	0.20	0.20	7.40

River Levels

	Flood Stage	Today	Yesterday
Presidio International Bridge	15.50	5.51 ft / 505 cfs	5.99 ft / 678 cfs
Castolon	15.50	4.31 ft / 426 cfs	3.16 ft / 161 cfs
Johnson's Ranch	15.50	4.78 ft / 162 cfs	5.08 ft / 283 cfs
Rio Grande Village	13.00	7.52 ft / 3630 cfs	3.42 ft / 251 cfs
Dryden Crossing	59.00	5.70 ft / 625 cfs	5.40 ft / 526 cfs

Current Park Conditions:

Road Conditions: 4 Wheel drive required on Old Maverick Road and Santa Elena Canyon

Summer Closures: Castolon & Rio Grande Village visitor centers are closed. Cottonwood Campground, some of the Rio Grande Village Campground and all campsites along the Old Maverick Road are closed. The Chisos Basin Campground and some of the Rio Grande Village Campground, including the RV Park, are open.

Dangerous Heat: The heat indexes over the next few days will reach 96 degrees in the shade and 111 degrees in the sun. Exercise extreme caution. Sunstroke, heat cramps and heat exhaustion are likely when exposure to the sun and physical activity are prolonged; heat stroke is possible.

Heat Safety Tip: Avoid strenuous activity midday, wear light weight light colored protective clothing, a hat and sunscreen, drink a gallon of water per day and take frequent breaks in the shade to cool down.

All information posted as of 9:00 am this morning; subject to change without notice.